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Who we are

- ❖ **IWF** is the UK Hotline for reporting (www.iwf.org.uk)
 - ❑ Child sexual abuse content hosted anywhere in the world
 - ❑ Criminally obscene adult content hosted in the UK
 - ❑ Non-photographic child sexual abuse images hosted in the UK
- ❖ **IWF** is member of INHOPE (www.inhope.org)
- ❖ The UK Safer Internet Centre (www.saferinternet.org.uk)
 - ❑ Childnet International
 - ❑ South West Grid for Learning
 - ❑ **Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)**



About online child sexual abuse content

- ❖ A child is anyone under the age of 18 – UN Declaration on the Rights of a Child
- ❖ Child sexual abuse covers children under age of 18 regardless of age of consent
- ❖ Child Sexual Abuse is not consensual
- ❖ Every image of Child Sexual Abuse is a crime scene
- ❖ It is NOT the same as adult pornography
- ❖ Rights – no rights to view criminal content, only rights concerning rights of the child.



Our work - 2012

- ❖ The IWF assisted with the removal of **9,696 URLs** child sexual abuse hosted worldwide (only 35 notices issued in UK)
- ❖ **81%** child victims appeared to be 10 years old or younger
- ❖ **4%** under 2 years old
- ❖ **53%** depicted activity between adults and children including rape and sexual torture
- ❖ **75%** were girls (7,272 images and videos)
- ❖ **27%** commercial/**73%** free



What we have achieved

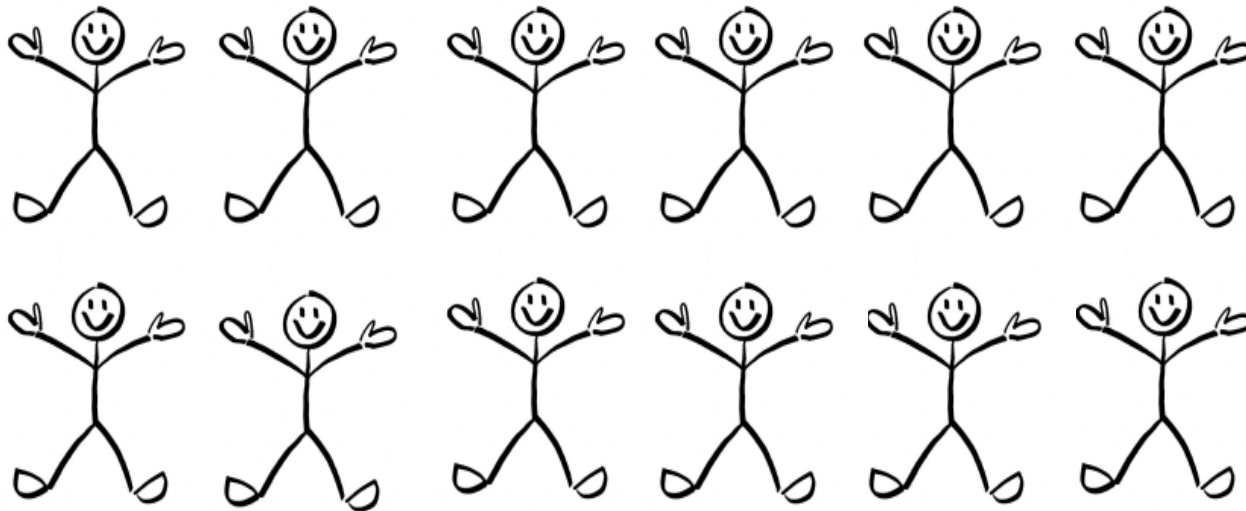
Over the past 16 years:

- ❖ Over **390,000 web pages** assessed in 16 years
- ❖ **100,000 URLs** removed for containing criminal content
- ❖ Less than 1% of child sexual abuse content is hosted in the UK since 2003, down from 18% in 1996
- ❖ Child sexual abuse content is removed in the UK typically within **60 minutes**
- ❖ Time taken to remove child sexual abuse content hosted outside the UK halved to 10 days in 2011.



Achievements to date

- ❖ By sharing intelligence with police we aided the identification and rescue of **12 children** in the past two years



Fundamental Rights – Child Protection

- ❖ It is estimated that more than one million **unique** images of children subjected to sexual abuse and exploitation are currently online . According to UNODC 50,000 new child abuse images are added each year.
- ❖ Every time an image is viewed, the child is re-victimised, every image removed protects the child
- ❖ Victim identification – ability to move quickly helps to rescue children



Sexting Research – self generated content

- ❖ 40 hours of analyst time
- ❖ Young people assessed 13-20
- ❖ 12,224 self generated images found
- ❖ 88% uploaded onto parasite paedophilic websites



Keeping girls and young women safe

- ❖ **Education, Education, Education - online behaviour – home, school, peers, Safer Internet Day**
- ❖ **'Do not do anything online that you would not do offline'**
- ❖ **Technical solutions:**
 - ❖ Parental controls
 - ❖ Age verification
 - ❖ Filtering



What we have achieved



Prime Minister
David Cameron

“The **Internet Watch Foundation** has again done an outstanding job in tackling images of child sexual abuse online.

“The organisation plays a key role in international efforts to end this criminality, protecting children and continuing to block access to child sexual abuse images wherever they are based.

“As a direct result of the Internet Watch Foundation’s work, three children were rescued from their abusers last year.”





Thank you for listening

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